

Minutes

Fair Haven Management Meeting
295 Blatchley Ave. New Haven, CT 06513
November 2, 2017

- ❖ **Call to order:** 6:05pm
- ❖ **Present:** LeAnne Brewer, Sally, Diane,
- ❖ **Present City, State, and Federal Officials:** Jose Crespo, Ernie Santiago, Kenneth Reveiz
- ❖ **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Introduction of new attendee
 - Patricia King
- ❖ **Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - Minutes approved with the condition that one addition and one revision is made
 - To add to minutes: can someone be an officer and not be a voting member; Kenneth Reveiz (spelling of name)
- ❖ **Police Report – Lt. David Zannelli**
 - Homicide that happened by Richard and Saltonstall
 - Victim is not a fair haven community member
 - Victim a person known to the fair haven police department
 - Formed a block watch
 - Added about 30 hours/week of extra officers
 - Halloween
 - Usually see between 15 to 20 armed robberies
 - This year no armed robberies city wide
 - Blue light update
 - City has done some spot checks on them
 - Will be doing a final estimate
 - May be able to get more than the 3 that have been planned for
 - Weekly updates
 - Will start to be posted on the management team's website instead of being emailed to everyone
 - In the same format including pictures
 - This year compared to last year
 - 3 murders last year one this year
 - Slightly up in nonfatal shootings
 - Down about 17% in gunfire
 - Always room for improvement
 - Will be sending out pictures of known burglars soon with the cold weather coming
 - Be aware of people in ski masks and walk in groups when out after dark, remain
 - These seem to increase when the weather gets colder
 - Small increase in theft from autos
 - Mostly by Vandome on club nights
 - Some markets were fined and shut down temporarily by the city
 - To combat the drug use and loitering in key locations
 - Gave numerous warnings to the staff and owners of these stores
 - Warnings included loose cigarettes, drug users and prostitutes being used as employees for a day for unfair wages

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❖ LCI Report – Lauri Lopez

- A lot of stores more and more are staying open past 11pm
 - Have been served cease and desist orders as this is a nuisance to the neighborhood
 - Only 2 stores were grandfathered in to stay open 24 hours
 - Has been trying to find a criminal penalty for defying a cease and desist order
 - Found one that allows LCI to go after the store manager and the landlord
- Has be dealing with vendors
 - Phone vendors at DSS
 - Conducting business on a city sidewalk – illegal
 - Will enforce the \$199 fine for vending without a permit
- Completed the vacant building count again
 - Not doing bad on the number of vacant buildings
 - For the most part the vacant buildings are not in horrible conditions
 - They are also not lingering as vacant as long as they used to
- If you notice street lights are out call or email Lauri
 - report with the pole number or street corner
 - question – how long do LED lights last
 - they are brighter, last longer and are less costly
 - not sure how long they last and they may flicker more or get a little dimmer

❖ Old Business

- Can someone be an officer and not be a voting member
 - Must attend 5 meetings to be a voting member
- Bylaws final review, vote, and acceptance of amendments
 - Reminder: it is very important to keep accurate attendance to track who is eligible to vote
 - Be sure to check off if you are a resident or organization representative
 - Packets handed out that included the original bylaws and the bylaws with the proposed revisions
 - Motion: accept the recommendation of the bylaws subcommittee to amend the bylaws to read as follows
 - Motion seconded
 - Open for discussion
 - ◆ Friendly amendment: article 4 second B to read the end time of the meeting as 7pm and if we would like to extend the meeting it can be voted upon
 - Some issues do have to go longer since we only meet once a month
 - Putting an hour limit on it will limit what could get done if the voting members leave before decisions are made
 - Sometimes the meeting ends early which causes it to end late

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- In the past the meeting was only an hour
- The executive board should manage the agenda to limit the amount of people making presentations
- This is a community meeting and the police and LCI report should be longer
- Vote: 7 in favor 6 opposed 1 abstention
 - Motion carried and language will be added to the bylaws
- ◆ Friendly amendment to change the title of co-chairs to chairs
 - Seconded
 - Vote: unanimous for with 1 abstention
- ◆ Friendly amendment to change required number of meetings required to become a voting member (article 2 section B) from 5 to 8
 - May work against getting the community involved and committed
- ◆ Friendly amendment to change required number of meetings required to become a voting member (article 2 section B) from 5 to 7
 - Seconded
 - Vote: 3 in favor 9 opposed 1 abstention
- ◆ Question – the voting age limit is 16
 - Can this 16 year old become an officer?
 - Yes they would be able to if they became a voting member
 - But it would be up to the team they
- ◆ Friendly amendment to state voting members cannot become officers until age 18
 - Vote: 11 for 2 opposed 1 abstention
- ◆ Question Article 3 second D
 - Has a 1 needs to be removed
 - Article 5 section A
 - Has a 2 needs to be removed
- ◆ Question Article 5 section A
 - Officer can be dismissed after missing 3 consecutive meetings
 - This could cause us to lose an officer unfairly due to sickness
- ◆ Friendly amendment to state in Article 5 section A officer being considered for dismissal for reason of missing 3 consecutive meetings has the right to contest the decision before voting on the grounds that he has a justifiable reason
 - Vote: unanimous for with 1 abstention
- ◆ Friendly amendment Article 3 section G – no officer of the new haven police officers or LCI should be eligible to become an officer
 - Deleting alder, paid elected official or persons employed by the city new haven
 - Vote: 6 for 4 opposed 1 abstention

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- ◆ Motion to accept the bylaws as amendment
 - Vote: unanimous for with 1 abstention

❖ New Business

- **Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen – CDBG Request by Steven Werlin Executive Director**
 - Thanksgiving program coming
 - Delivers 1200 meals across the city starting at 9am
 - ◆ Needs volunteers and donors
 - ◆ Collecting donations through 11/20
 - Serves people who are living in poverty and homelessness
 - Promotes health, community and equity
 - Applying for CDBG funds to fund their program \$30,000 for the evening meals program and asking for our support – will be providing a summary
 - Last year they received \$10,000 for their summer kids program
- **Beulah Land Development Corporation – Presentation of 388 Blatchley Ave by Darrell Brooks and Latania Guiont-Murphy**
 - Did not attend
- **New Horizon – Housing in Fair Haven by Michelle Rodriguez**
 - Asking for continued support for CDBG funds
 - Working to rehab 26 units
 - Will submit summary to Chair Ecton
- **Food basket for Thanksgiving**
 - Asking for donations for food for the entire day breakfast, lunch, and dinner
 - Donations can be dropped off at the substation

❖ Announcements

- City of New Haven Economic Development
 - Demolish #6 1600 sq foot portion of the old Bigelow building 190 river Street
 - This will help prevent additional damage to the bordering buildings
 - Letter read by Chair Ecton
- New Haven Free Public Library
 - Flyer read by Chair Ecton
- 185 Chapel Street
 - Has a diaper pantry and food pantry
 - Will provide food in addition to a thanksgiving basket this month
 - Last Tuesday and Thursday of the month pantry will be open
 - Must have a state issued or elm city ID or utility showing local zip codes
- Atwater Senior Center Thanksgiving dinner 11/20/17
 - Date will be posted on the website
- 11/4/18 9:30am
 - March for jobs at Yale

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❖ **Adjournment**

➤ 7:53pm

❖ **Upcoming Meeting**

➤ December 7, 2016